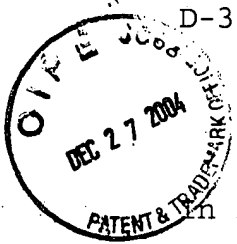


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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on
October 25, 2004 for the above-identified patent application.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.